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Supplemental Amendment  
USSN 09/828,927

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REMARKS

Claims 1-2, and 4-12 are pending, claim 17 having been canceled and claim 1 amended. The undersigned acknowledges with appreciation the discussions with the examiner where it was agreed that these amendments would place the case in condition for allowance.

By the above amendment, claim 1 now recites (again) in the last paragraph thereof that the first and second connection control modules are included within the same switching node and communicate with one another. An advantage of such an arrangement is that each connection control module can handle a half call and then communicate with one another to connect their respective half calls. The last paragraph of claim 1 describes each connection control module handling a half call and then communicating with one another to connect their respective half calls, so the claim requires that the switching node does this, although it does not require that the switching node do this with every call.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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